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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to ask that you support the American Anti-Vivisection Society's request for the reexamination of Patent No. 6,924,413 which allows patents to be granted on animals. Please help to stop the dreadful sufferings of innocent animals and put an end to allowing patents to be issued on them. I believe that allowing an individual to profit by way of royalty fees, from damaging a rabbit's eyes or otherwise harming an animal represents an abuse of the patent system. Animals are God's creation. They are sentient beings, not man made machinery. It is dreadful to think how many poor animals will be subjected to excruciating agony by drug and cosmetic companies that refuse to change to updated, non-animal methods of testing. So many companies in this country and others have found that animal testing is scientifically flawed and morally unethical. There are superior, cruelty free methods of product testing that do not require painful experimentation on animals.

I ask that you show your compassion and help put an end to this antiquated practice by disallowing the issue of patents on animals. Please use your position to help end the agony of these innocent creatures who are completely at our mercy.

I truly appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Bradley